

# New Laurentian website a ‘work in progress:’ Rains



File Photo

Laurentian is working on upgrading their website to better serve students. Pictured above is the courtyard outside the Parker Building.

## BY KAYLA PERRY

The Laurentian University website is being updated, as recent site-viewers may have noticed by the yellow banner at the top of the page.

Jean-Paul Rains, manager of digital strategy at Laurentian, says the website is getting an update in order to become more efficient for visitors and students alike.

“The website is a recruitment tool, first and foremost, and it’s about putting our best foot forward for prospective students,” said Rains. “With the new website launching last year, we took a step in the right direction, but it wasn’t

where we exactly wanted to go. Now we’ve taken a responsive reproach, and instead of making a whole new website, we’ve decided we are going to modify the website once a year,” said Rains.

Rains said the site programmers are able to see what pages on the website are most viewed, and can then make sure those pages are easy to find.

“One of the things you’ll notice on the new website is that the path to get from the home page to the undergraduate programs page has been simplified. That was our primary objective - to reduce the number of clicks necessary to get to the popular pages.”

Other updates on the website will include a news-based homepage, where visitors will be able to find seasonal events such as convocation.

Programs will now be searchable not only by name, but also by the tags associated with that program. For example, if you were to search for criminology, which is not a LU program, you’ll find forensic science, law and justice, and political science - all other programs that involve criminology.

Rains said the team of website developers are still working closely with academic department heads to determine what the tags will be.

When the new LU website launched last year, Rains said there were problems noticed with the communication of the website, and the way content was delivered. With the updates, the laurentian.ca site will be aimed at external guests, while LUnet will be much more focused for students.

While the new website is still a “work in progress” and will not launch officially until the developing team “believes it is the best reflection of Laurentian,” Rains said the team is aiming for a fall launch. Comments on either the current website or new website can be sent to [web@laurentian.ca](mailto:web@laurentian.ca). [lambda@laurentian.ca](mailto:lambda@laurentian.ca)

# SGA looks to 'revamp' 20-year-old constitution

BY KAYLA PERRY

The SGA has decided it's time to "revamp" the organization's 20-year-old constitution.

The constitutional reform was proposed at the first Students' General Association board meeting of the year, on Sept. 25, and President Andy Rollins said the SGA executive put out a "call to board members" to look over the current constitution and think of any changes they would like to see.

The SGA also handed out two packages: one copy of the current constitution, and one copy of suggested changes.

"Our constitution is a little bit outdated," said Rollins. "What (the SGA) basically wants to do is update it. The new constitution will reflect more of where the SGA is now, rather than where it was 20 years ago when the constitution was first made."

The next SGA board meeting is on Oct. 9, and Rollins said he "really encourages" students to attend the meeting, where the constitutional changes will be discussed at length but not yet voted on.

"At the end of the day, the constitution is the one legal document that guides the whole organization for the students. The more input and insight we can have from all across the university, the

better, and the more people that come out to the meetings, the better the constitution could be."

While there is no official timeline set for the reform, Rollins says the next step will be taken once all board members are comfortable with the new constitution draft.

Once a new draft is completed, it will be read at the following board meeting, and board members will then have until the next meeting after that to decide if they agree with the new draft, at which point a vote will be taken.

Charles Cardinal-Wilson, Executive Director of the SGA, said that for the new constitution to become official, the board would need a two-thirds majority at three-fourths quorum: at which point the new constitution would be effective immediately. Quorum is the number of board members that need to be present in order for a vote to have power. If there was less than a two-thirds majority in favour of the constitutional changes, another vote would be held at the next meeting.

"The by-laws include many things that should not be in there – there are some bizarre things," said Wilson. "A reform will take some of these things out."

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Photo by Zara Golafshani

SGA President Andy Rollins (pictured) and the SGA board are taking steps to update the SGA constitution.



## Straughan takes over CKLU general manager role

BY WILLIE POLL

From drummer to DJ, Rob Straughan can now add "CKLU general manager" to his resume.

The beginning of September has been mostly about organizing the radio station and "trying to get everything under control as far as technical equipment, setups, and all the things included in running

a business," Straughan said.

Although much of the time right now is being put towards organizing the station, there are shows starting up, and as the year continues many other shows will be added.

"We have shows from talk shows, to rock shows, reggae, jazz, dance, health talk, sex talk,

single talk, we cover just about everything," Straughan said.

There are still time slots available at CKLU for anyone with a new innovative show idea; even Straughan has time to do a show on top of being the general manager.

"My show is like classic, heavy rock, and comedy," Straughan

said. "I have a co-host that comes in about half way through and we do a lot of comedy bits. Its more talk and silliness in the second half."

Some of the CKLU projects this year include filling spots, marketing the station, as well as working on sound quality.

"We are working on getting

the technical end and quality up because the sound on the air has never been the best, so we're putting money into the tower site, which should be completed in the next month or two," Straughan said. "Once the quality is up, we can promote the station a lot more."

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# Redundancy and referendum: Do we need the CFS?

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The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), 1981 — an organization born from the fires of dissent and fanned into a powerhouse lobby group by student action across the country. Hundreds of thousands of students coming together to fight for accessible post-secondary education for all Canadians and joining the fight for a better Canada.

The Canadian Federation of Students, 2013 — an organization on death's doorstep, slowly withering away from the bane of their existence — separatism; their demise hastened by undemocratic and secretive policy. Hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in legal fees to prevent locals from becoming independent, while post-secondary education has become less important than taking left-leaning social stances.

On Sept. 4 an announcement came — 15 student unions, the largest unified group action since 13 universities that attempted to leave in 2009, have launched their petitions in an attempt to disaffiliate from the CFS. Those include students at such schools as the University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson University and Dawson College.

"Many of us are long-time student organizers and have seen students

attempt to reform the CFS from within for decades, but to no avail," said Ashleigh Ingle, one of the spokespeople for the movement. The CFS has been open in their dismissal of resolutions on the national level to make their lobbying and finances more transparent — those on the inside who attempted reform are called dissenters. How many more will come forward and be branded dissenters?

Post-secondary education in Canada is a jurisdiction controlled solely by the provinces. There are no national standards for post-secondary institutions, there is no federal ministry of post-secondary education, and there is a considerable lack of funding from the federal government for Canadians wishing to attend post-secondary institutions. Because of these among many more, is there any reason to be lobbying federally?

In every administration since its founding, from Trudeau to Chretien, and from Mulroney to Harper, each administration has turned down requests from the CFS to increase federal funding and involvement in post-secondary education in Canada. Cash transfers for post-secondary education in the last decade have declined by 50 per cent when

measured as a proportion of GDP, and are down \$400 million from 1992, all occurring with CFS lobbying ongoing. Today, they persist to pester and what do we have as a result 32 years later, exactly what we started with 32 years ago. No standards, no ministry and no increased funding. On a provincial level, we have seen much advancement on the front of further socialized post-secondary education.

The national board of the CFS operates on almost \$4 million of membership fees. One would expect that this would be spent on campaigns lobbying the federal government, albeit in vain, for more federal involvement and funds towards PSE in Canada. Unfortunately, these funds go towards the Band-Aid court cases that plague the federation and keep separatist locals in the lobby group, they go towards announcing that the federation condemns Israeli occupation, they go towards keeping aggressive staff and lobbyists that insist their budget be a private document to the federation.

The funds that we pour into the CFS have now lost their way from the lobbying of the federal government for a better post-secondary education system in Canada, and now are being used as life supporting for a slowly

dying, self-absorbed, sole ember of a once great flame of action. What we must ask ourselves, is it worth it? Do we stay in an organization that has lost its way and fights for its own existence instead of student issues? Or do we fight for our independence and call for referendum? It's time for all provinces and all locals to take their lobbying in their own hands and separate from the Canadian Federation of Students.

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# Bus Home program is ‘cheapest way to travel:’ student

**BY GABRIEL RODRIGUES**

Laurentian University’s Student Affairs department offers students an “inexpensive” trip home and back through the Bus Home program, as a much needed fall reading week approaches, according to the coordinator.

“The buses pick students up on campus and bring them for a reduced rate,” said Drew Gould. “It’s relatively easy, and really provides a safe method for students to get home.”

The Laurentian Bus Home program picks up students on campus and travels to five different locations: Barrie, Ottawa, Toronto, Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie.

The program is available to full-time and part-time students and prices range from \$60 to Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie, and \$75 for those travelling to Toronto, Ottawa and Barrie.

“The more expensive buses are devoted buses, and it’s only Laurentian students that ride those ones,” said Gould. “Due to low student numbers in the past, the Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie buses are cheaper. So they pick up students on campus, head to the bus depot and then pick up regular passengers. It’s just to make sure we’re not sending a bus home with one student on it.”

Gould said the program is scheduled to plan five different trips that provides students a bus ride home and return ride back.

The five dates include:

- Thanksgiving weekend on Oct. 11 to 14,
- fall reading week, Oct. 18 to 27,
- Christmas break is a return ride only on Jan. 5,
- Winter reading week Feb. 14 to 23, and
- Easter weekend April 4 to 6.

Although there are specific cities of travel, Gould said, some buses make additional stops in places like Parry Sound and Blind River.

Gould believes the Bus Home program is a great opportunity for students to go home “for much needed rest” before exam season starts.

“I’ve had a lot of positive feedback,” he said. “Some people think it’s really easy because they don’t have to go all the way to the greyhound station or the northland station. All access is right here, you just have to buy a ticket.”

Brandon Hurst, a fourth-year anthropology and archaeology student at Laurentian, has been using the program since 2011 and is certain it’s the “cheapest way” to get home to Aurora, Ontario, during his holidays and reading weeks.

“Overall, it’s a cheap, and stress-free

way to travel,” said Hurst. “The program practices customer service seriously because students are never left behind to ‘wait for the next one’ as I have so often heard in greyhound stations to people who did not show up an hour early. There’s a multitude of great things about the Bus Home program.”

To purchase tickets, visit [greyhound.ca](http://greyhound.ca), however, it’s preferred for students to buy their tickets 14 days prior to departure.

For more information regarding the Laurentian University Bus Home program, please contact [bus@laurentian.ca](mailto:bus@laurentian.ca).

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## CFS northern region: letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

As the newly elected Northern Ontario Commissioner of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, I want to challenge many of the statements made in an article written by Kayla Perry in last week’s edition of the Lambda.

The Canadian Federation of Students is a grassroots organization whose direction is set by it’s members at general meetings. During these general meetings, there is time set aside for student representatives from northern institutions to meet and discuss their own issues, priorities and needs within the Federation. These meetings give space for representatives from all five students’ unions at Laurentian to meet with student representatives from Lakehead, Algoma, Nipissing, and Collège Boréal.

Suggesting that the Canadian Federation of Students does not deal with transportation is quite simply false.

In August, a significant amount of time during the meetings of the Northern Caucus was used to discuss transportation

issues and the importance of having a Northern angle on any transit-related campaign that recognizes the good work that has already been done in Northern Ontario on transit issues by the different local students’ unions. Mark Mancini and Chloë Mirfield represented the SGA and participated in these discussions.

The Federation is also a member of the Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains, a coalition advocating for bringing passenger train service back to Northern Ontario. Just last month, I spoke on behalf of the Northern Caucus at a press conference in North Bay about the importance of passenger train service in northern Ontario.

A campaign that the Canadian Federation of Students has also worked on over the last year has been the Food Services Taskforce. The SGA opted to not participate in this campaign, despite being provided with materials and offers of support to tailor the survey to the needs of Laurentian students. Students at Nipissing University and across the north are looking

forward to the report from the food service surveys. It will be an important resource when we meet with our respective administrations to discuss the needs of our members, including the distinct needs of the North such as a lack of affordable food because of high transportation costs.

Northern schools have an important place within our Federation. There is a separate caucus for Northern students that meet at general meetings. There is a Northern Commissioner who is elected to sit on the provincial executive to make sure that northern voices are heard. There is even a separate meeting, dealing specifically with Northern issues called Spirit of the North, organized by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. Just last year, Laurentian University was the host of Spirit of the North, which was held at the Living with Lakes Center. Lastly, the Federation has a full-time staff person who is dedicated to assisting member students’ union in the North. She happens to have an office on the Laurentian campus and I would suggest if students have questions

about the work students are doing across northern campuses, they stop by her office to chat.

As a representative from another northern Ontario student union who has had many struggles over the past few years, I can say that the help of the Federation has been invaluable. I’m confident that once your members are told what benefits come with their membership within the Canadian Federation of Students they will expect their student union to continue to be at the table and to promote the campaigns and services that members have paid for.

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# Barrie 'deserves' campus: Dominic Giroux

**BY ROB POLLOCK**

Barrie, Ontario is the largest urban area in the province without a university - Laurentian University wants to change that fact.

"Our students, faculty and staff in Barrie have asked for their own campus, and they deserve it," says Dominic Giroux, the president of Laurentian University.

The campus would be located in downtown Barrie with state-of-the-art, modern facilities, parking areas, and student service buildings and residences. This is all part of a strategic 10-year capital plan that runs through 2020.

The cost for the expansion is high, running at \$60 million. The main contributors are Laurentian and the city, funding \$14 million each, and \$40 million from the government.

Giroux said none of the money will come out of the pocket of Sudbury students:

"The University's \$14-million capital contribution will be paid by the savings from no longer having to pay for the use of the current space at Georgian College and on Bell Farm Road in Barrie (faculty offices)."

The Simcoe area has a population of 474,000 and is estimated to grow 35 per cent by

2036. Many university students in the area have to leave the community to attend school. A university located in Barrie will allow those students to receive a local university education.

Research Canada found that students that live more than 80 kilometers from a university are much less likely to attend. Barrie follows these statistics with only 13 per cent of Barrie citizens having a university degree compared to 21 per cent provincially.

Currently, Barrie has 1,000 students. The expansion would increase enrolment to 3,000 students, allowing access to new

courses.

SGA Vice-President of Student Issues, Mark Mancini, adds: "programs will be developed at both campuses that will suit the strengths of the student bodies and respective cities."

Potential new programs being implemented are security, communications infrastructure engineering, data centre design, and cognitive analytics, which is the first undergraduate degree program in North America in this field.

A number of programs would allow for co-operative education opportunities. These placements will give students

experience in "emerging fields like cloud computing, environmental science, data mining, and business analytics," states Giroux. Adding, one of the main advantages for students is they will receive "real-world opportunities to interact with a wide range of experts."

Satellite schools are not uncommon in Ontario. For example: Lakehead in Orillia, Nipissing has several campuses in Brantford and Muskoka, Wilfrid Laurier in Brantford, Kitchener and Toronto, and Trent has a campus in Oshawa.

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# Residential school exhibit evokes 'sorrow and fear' from crowd: student

**BY WILLIE POLL**

From Sept. 30 until Oct. 4, Laurentian hosted the 100 Years of Loss exhibition at the J.N. Desmarais Library archives.

The exhibition examined Canada's history and the history of Indigenous peoples and the hardships that arose for them when the settlers arrived, including the residential school system.

"There are many teachings that have happened for the residential school exhibit over the past week," Laurel Lynn Clark, a Laurentian student, said. "A lot of the teachings have been well-attended and have given insight to a major issue that many people don't really pay too much attention to which is the survivors of the residential schools and the things that went on in them."

This exhibition aims to draw attention to these hardships and hopes to educate people.

Several speakers came to Laurentian to present on a variety of topics, all related to the residential school system, and Laurentian even hosted residential school survivors to talk about their experiences.

"I was quite shocked at what so many people had to go through and that even now the prime minister Steven Harper apologized for the trauma and torture people went through, yet he cut the budget on the healing programs provided to these survivors and aboriginal peoples," Clark said.

The speakers were able

to evoke some emotion in the process of story-telling, according to Clark.

"Many emotions were evoked by this presentation," she said. "People laughed, people cried, you felt the sorrow and fear that some of these survivors went through. It was a very humbling experience and I am glad to have been a part of the experience."

Among the presenters and guests were Chief Steve Miller, Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare, Mike Cachagee, Karyn Recollet, Andrea Walsh, Jules Koostachin, Elder Hilda Nadjiwan, Dr. Brock Pitawanikwat, as well as others.

"It is important to have it in this area and have more Canadians aware of this issue because it's not just the aboriginal peoples and the government that were involved," Clark said. "People decided on the repression and assimilation of the aboriginals. It happened here, in Canada, a country known for its democracy and human rights. This event is a major cause of poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, and other forms of abuse among aboriginal people. The aboriginal people suffer the same way you would find people suffering in developing nations."

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## LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY'S BUS HOME PROGRAM

Laurentian's Bus Home Program provides all Laurentian students with the unique opportunity of travelling from Sudbury to visit with friends and family during the academic year.

Trips are scheduled at regular intervals including Thanksgiving/fall break, Christmas, spring break and the last weekend before final exams. Destinations currently include Barrie, Ottawa, Timmins, Toronto and Sault Ste Marie, with established drop-off points along the way, all for a heavily discounted fee. Tickets for 2013-2014 are \$60 per person to Timmins or Sault Ste Marie and \$75 per person to Ottawa, Barrie or Toronto. These worry-free trips are extremely well received by students and parents alike.

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# Letter to the editor: Mancini on the US government shutdown

If anyone has watched television as of late, they've probably seen passing coverage of the American government shutdown. To us in Canada, it may seem quite odd for such a phenomenon to occur; after all, even when our Parliament is prorogued, government employees on the front lines still report to work. It is hard to imagine any circumstance where this could occur in Canada, (though I am sure some constitutional expert could find some obscure scenario where it could happen).

The tumult in the United States provides a warning for us in Canada. The core issue in the American government shutdown is President Barack Obama's signature healthcare coverage bill---colloquially known as Obamacare. Obamacare, while a giant piece of legislation, does a number of simple things. Notably, it means that the 32 million Americans who do not currently have health insurance will be forced to buy insurance. Those who cannot afford it will be subsidized by the government. The legislation also bans insurers from refusing to cover people with pre-existing conditions. All of this amounts, for the first time ever in America, to near-universal healthcare.

Republicans in the American Congress have been pushing to defund Obamacare, and have shut down the American government because of it. They claim it is too expensive---amounting to \$940 billion, they argue it is simply too big a bill to pay.

Though the cost of the legislation is high, that doesn't seem to be the

core issue at hand. The Republicans, and their special interests, have long opposed universal healthcare in America. During the administration of President Bill Clinton, they effectively shut down the administration's attempt to pass universal healthcare. Any bill, no matter the size, that was universal in nature would not receive their support, and for that reason, it boils down to an issue of ideology. The Republicans are so against any government action (even as basic as health coverage for poor Americans), that they are willing to shut down the government to stop it.

So, what does this all mean for us in Canada, especially for us as young people? The warning is simple. Radicalism of this nature must be rejected outright, no matter its manifestation, in all of our politics.

The Republicans represent a far-right wing version of radicalism. They are anti-government ideologues, refusing to take reason into account in any way, shape, or form. No matter what happens, they will oppose any extension of government. This is not principled, it is bull-headed. There is a fine line between solid leadership, and standing up for what you believe in, compared to completely rejecting the reality of the circumstances of the people you purport to represent. Well-meaning people could have a principled debate about the role of government. However, the Republicans do not take their fellow Democratic representatives seriously, and so such a principled debate could never occur. Their anti-government

ideology has gone too far.

Yet, radicalism is not just found on the right. It is just as insidious on the left. During the short-lived Occupy affair, the Occupiers took a radical stance towards income disparities and other economic problems. Their solutions were never really clear to the general population; and when they were, they were simply unrealistic. For example, simply cancelling all private and public debts, period, is not a realistic government policy. Occupy spent more time demonizing the wealthy and the politicians than proposing real, targeted policies to deal with what are very important issues. Their approach of demonization is not new, and it hasn't expired. It seems to be a staple of the left. Across the board, in certain student organizations, unions, and other groups, we see the same lack of realism and demonization. Much like the anti-government ideologues, the philosophy here is rooted in an ideology that is simply not tied to the hopes and dreams of real people. Accusations of collusion between government officials, oil barons, and Saudi princes abound, but no real solutions are proposed that effectively target the actual issues that people face on a daily basis. An attempt is made to divide society along the lines of those who have and those who do not. Rather than having the important discussion about trying to make conditions better for those who do not have, the discussion turns to a demonization of rich people, of oil companies, and the list goes on. That seems to be just as bad as the Republican mode of operation.

In the 21st century, and as young, future leaders, it is incumbent upon us to reject far-flung ways of thinking. However, part of a new sort of politics must be to not demonize those whose policies we may reject. In fact, respect must be the basis of any system going forward. We must debate and dialogue with those that think otherwise. But, the challenge in front of us is to learn from what works and what doesn't work. We must still be bold; we must still challenge the status quo. However, we must do so in a way that is rooted in our own collective experiences. What doesn't work, very simply, is the radicalism of the left and right. The government shutdown and Occupy demonstrate that. This should be the starting off point for the serious and sincere conversations we must have about our futures as young people.

**Mark Mancini**

# The importance of public art: column

PRINCE GEORGE (CUP) — Anyone who has ever seen Cirque du Soleil will agree that it is an awe-inspiring experience. I had the incredible experience of seeing it for free in a revamped airport hangar in Quebec City this summer.

I arrived an hour early, joining a line that stretched along a dock beside the St. Lawrence River, further than the eye could see. The sun set over the crowd as we waited, bubbling with anticipation.

The woman standing next to me in the lineup told me how much she enjoyed living in Quebec City. She had lived in Ontario and in Montreal for years, but Quebec City — which is classified as a UNESCO world heritage site — is the city she wants to live in.

Later that night, standing mere feet beneath swinging acrobats in the cool dark, I understood exactly what she meant.

What is the true value of art and

architecture? A commonly held assumption in our society is that function is often more important than beauty. Yet, we have to wonder to what extent this is really true.

Think about your favorite city and about what it is that makes it that for you. For me, it is all about the impression I get from public spaces and the feeling those spaces create. Walking through the famous cities of the world, it is the architecture and art that makes an impression: the curve of the buildings, sculptures, street musicians and parks.

The first thing a city does when it is looking to revitalize the downtown is make it more aesthetically pleasing. After all, beautiful places attract investment. Take Vancouver, B.C., with its modern, shapely skyscrapers and gorgeous parks. Wherever you go in downtown Vancouver, the mountains seem to loom in the

distance and the gorgeous blue ocean is within walking distance.

But public art is also controversial. Like anything else that involves people's tax dollars, critics question its value and complain about the cost, especially if it is something they do not like. Cities are expressions of ourselves and we want them to reflect that.

According to David Staples of the Edmonton Journal, most major cities in Canada have a program that ensures one percent of tax dollars goes to public art. This program demonstrates the importance of public art from a political perspective.

In April of this year, the British Culture Secretary, Maria Miller, argued that in periods of global economic austerity, policy-makers have to look at the economic value of public art and culture. Her shadow Culture Secretary, Harriet Harman, added

that "arts and culture are about much more than the economy: they're about a sense of identity, of community, and the potential of each and every individual."

Every person who has ever played at a piano recital with trembling hands or covered themselves in paint at a summer camp understands the value and thrill of creating and participating in art. It is an intrinsic and often under-looked part of our lives.

The longer I live and the more experience, the more I learn to value art. It is something we can all contribute to, from supporting local artists to learning to become one. Everything can be art if it is seen from that perspective: a well-crafted sentence in an essay to the way we move about the world. It is just about becoming aware of the art that exists all around us and within us

# (Still) homophobia and some prejudice: column

BURNABY (CUP) — Over drinks last week, a friend was shocked to hear that I'd experienced homophobia in Vancouver, a city that's been hailed as being gay-friendly. She was even more shocked to hear that it wasn't an isolated incident. I don't know whether to chalk this up to well-meaning NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard) or the fact that I have some pretty sweet straight friends; either way, I'm here to be the killjoy and inform you that yes, homophobia does still exist, even in Canada and even in fair Vancouver. You no doubt heard about the kids in Sullivan, Indiana last year, who tried to have a "traditional" prom. This one kills me. If you live in a town that's so backwoods it feels the need to try to have a no-gays-allowed dance, then just have your regular prom. I'm sure the number of intolerant assholes in attendance will be sufficient to keep the gays at home.

There's a reason Valentine's Day queer prom nights like the People's Prom are so popular; a lot of LGBT teens didn't feel comfortable going to their proms. Now as adults, they revel in the opportunity to dress up as they would have liked, get bad pictures taken in front of a Hawaiian sunset backdrop, and drink legally spiked punch.

This story has long died down and some students defended their high school, saying that the group organizing this is a fringe group of fundamentalists. They have continued to affirm how accepting their school is, even as a neighbouring school's special-ed teacher, Diana Medley, has publicly stated that she doesn't think gay people have a purpose in life, compared being gay to being disabled, and then said that LGBT kids attending prom is "offensive."

Dave Springer, the no-gays-at-prom group's school's principal

said "a girl could go [to their prom] with another girl if they didn't have a date or that was their choice." The rhetoric here of "choice" and Springer's initial hope that this hypothetical girl is just a sad loser that would rather go with a girlfriend than a real live choice-making queer negate his attempt at acceptance. I know for these small-town kids that's about as good as they can realistically hope for, but for the love of rainbows, they deserve better and shouldn't have to settle for disdainful tolerance from their mentors.

Looking into the highly-publicized future across the globe next year, Sochi, Russia, will be hosting a cast of queer athletes for the 2014 Olympics who will have to do their best to keep their sexuality under wraps. Despite my general feelings surrounding the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, I will admit that the Pride House they had for queer athletes was

a definite high note, showcasing the need for and normalizing acceptance in sports. There won't be any of these pride houses in Sochi, unless jails count (where Pussy Riot plays every night!). Maybe the kids from Sullivan should have a destination prom in Russia (though everyone knows that Communists are worse than gays!).

In an issue that hits closer to home, The Owl, the University of Regina's pub, came under fire last fall when a trivia host saw fit to use homophobic slurs. A student wrote an op-ed piece in the student newspaper, The Carillon, and then received backlash for saying that the host's use of the word "faggot" made him feel isolated and afraid.

Vancouver hardly has a clean rap sheet when it comes to hate crimes. In 2009, Shawn Woodward left Ritchie Dowrey permanently brain damaged because he hit on Woodward — while at a gay

bar. "He deserved it. The faggot touched me," Woodward said after sucker-punching Dowrey in the back of the head on his way out of The Fountainhead, a cornerstone of Vancouver's gay bar scene. Woodward was convicted of a hate crime, but after serving a year and a half is now out on day-parole, living in a North Vancouver halfway house.

What is obvious is that there is a disconnect between what's legally and socially acceptable and how people view their words and actions within this paradigm of permissibility. While Vancouver is certainly leaps and bounds ahead of some places, we aren't without fault. Just because you aren't a bigot, it doesn't mean they don't exist in droves, and a see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil approach is sadly missing its fourth tenet: do no evil. I really hope we come up with more solutions soon, because I really miss holding hands.

# Cheryl Powell is Jean Grey



**BY KALLIE BERENS**

Going to the Pub Downunder for a little downtime between classes is probably one of the greatest gems Laurentian can offer, and pub manager Cheryl Powell understands that, which is why she is this issue's superhero, taking on the role of the X-Men's Jean Grey.

Grey's telekinetic energy is not unlike Powell's - both of these strong women use this high-power ability with ease. Powell uses hers to manipulate the bottles behind the bar and create magical drinks which leave patrons extremely

satisfied.

Jean Grey's alternate form, the Phoenix, has the power to infuse life energy in others, which is exactly what Powell does. Her cheerful, magnetic personality can lighten anyone's mood, and with the assistance of the delightful pub menu and crafty pub nights, Powell makes it her mission to keep everyone happy and satisfied.

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Jean Grey is one of the strongest telepaths in the Marvel Universe, and has been a staple in the X-Men for decades.



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# CKLU DJ profile: Steve Kraus

**BY KALLIE BERENS**

**His show:** Six Degrees, 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**Volunteering at CKLU since:** March Break 2009

**What kind of show he has:** A mix of global music news, local, regional and national artist interviews, local and regional concert announcements and current chart toppers via the Earshot Campus Radio Network, backed by fine Canadian and International Music with strong support and love shared for bands and artists in the local Sudbury Music Scene.

**Why he wanted to be a DJ:**

I've always been fascinated with radio broadcasting and actually considered it as career earlier in life! I took another path, but ended up back to this love of sharing interesting perspectives about music, culture and the local scene! Now instead of sharing diverse music with just my friends, or via my band, I get to share that passion with a wider audience. Having a show on CKLU lets me open some ears to something that you may not have listened to before! Who knows, you might actually like it!

**What he's listening to right now:** My music tastes are very



polar and diverse, primarily driven by mood, from Jazz to Country to Death Metal and everything in between.

**In high rotation right now:** Daniel Romano and the Trilliums,

King Crimson, the new Nine Inch Nails, Telefon Tel Aviv, Diamond Rings, Voivod, Queens of the Stone Age, The Deadly Snakes, Elvis Costello and the Roots and local songwriters Eric Clancy and Sean Barrette.

**Why Six Degrees:** It started off as a joke between myself and my original co-host Karen Thistle (who has since left CKLU to pursue other interests), referring of course to the Kevin Bacon reference, Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon. The first shows first where heavily thematically driven, which linked all the songs together on each episode. The theme

concept remains a driving force of the program, but it is now a bit looser and free in terms of the themes, often nudging into music education and sonic exploration to turn the listener on to new and exciting sounds that may not be mainstream.

**Favourite thing about being a DJ:** Sharing music that might be brand new to the ears of the listeners out there and of course showcasing our talented local bands and solo artists!

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**Serge Parent**

**Program:** Fourth-year French Nursing

**Found at:** Great Hall

**Hat & Backpack:** Urban Outfitters

**Sweater:**

Blue notes

**Shoes:** Journeys

**My Style:** "Go with the flow."

**Lisa Labine**

**Program:** First-Year Forensic Science and Chemistry

**Found at:** West Residence

**Earrings & Shirt:** Urban Planet

**Demin Shirt:** H & M Las Vegas

**Pants:** elicipse

**Shoes:** spring

**Back pack:** Aldo

**My Style:** "Hardrock and Metal. Music taste influences my style."

**Influences:** Falling in Reverse, Five Finger Death Punch

**Nicolas Roberge**

**Program:** First-year Mining and Engineering

**Found at:** Great Hall

**Hat:** Lids

**Shirt:** Boat house

**Pants:** Jack Jones

**Shoes:** Aldo

**My Style:** Colour coordinated. "Always match the hat with the shirt."

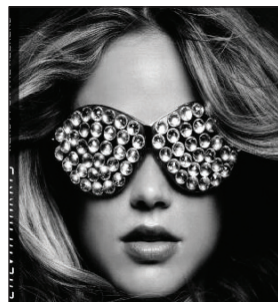
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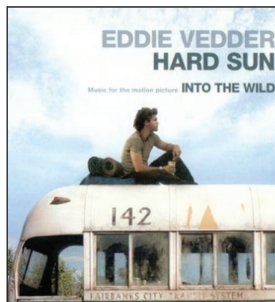
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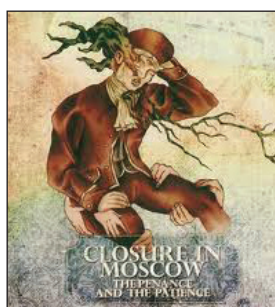
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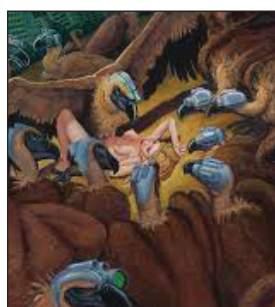
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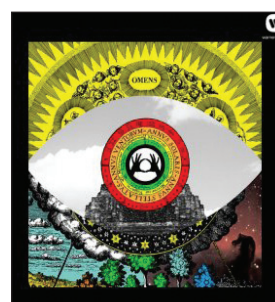
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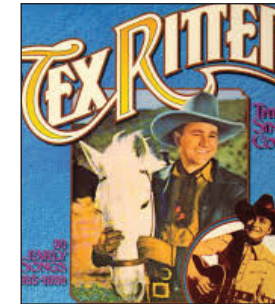
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# Review: STC's Our Town

BY VANESSA DI FEO

This season, the Sudbury Theatre Centre opened on Sept. 26 with Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. This play centers on the young Emily and George, two young people who fall in love, as well as their two families in a small 20th Century New Hampshire town. *Our Town* is relevant - David Savoy himself says that the "the story that *Our Town* tells could easily be a story of 'our' town;" moreover, it sends the message that life passes by quickly, and that we must appreciate each moment "before they slip through our fingers and are gone." From the cast, to the spectacle and set, the Sudbury Theatre Centre's production of *Our Town* is superior to much of its work in the past year, and is highly recommended for those who prefer realism.

A play's cast is arguably

the "make or break" of a show - a strong cast can take direction, and make it work with their own interpretation of the script, as well as their dynamic. It is without a doubt that *Our Town* was well cast. Generally speaking, the actors remain faithful to the text, and demonstrate that they approached their characters realistically. Even those cast in more than one role are believable and effective in every scene.

A prime example of this is Patricia Tedford (chair of the Thorneloe University Theatre Department), who not only plays a straitlaced and no-nonsense Mrs. Webb, Emily's mother, but also a keen, rambling, and enthusiastic university professor. She has developed both characters thoroughly - it is almost as though she becomes a different

human being when she dons her university robes.

Claire Andrews and Jake McNeil play Emily and George, the young lovers. The two Thorneloe University Theatre Arts alumni have intense stage chemistry - their connection is passionate and entirely believable, from their gazes to the smallest touch. Andrews, in particular, is so polished that she seems to be the character - in her final scene, she captivates the audience to the point that they forget that they are watching a theatre production. This sort of talent and ability to connect with an audience is rare, regardless of the theatre production or company, and brings *Our Town* to a level far beyond its work last season, in terms of performance.

Technically speaking, *Our Town* is strong, but not above past productions. In terms of

sound, it is simple and well done; however, the music is sparse, and will not satisfy those specifically looking to hear an extensive score. The set is multidimensional, with stairs and hallways that assist in carrying sound. It is effective in making the space look more intimate and homey, like two early 20th C homes adjacent to one another; unfortunately, the screen that is mounted centre-stage takes away from the production's realism. In spite of the fact that the screen distinguishes between different locations in the play, it proves an obstacle for audience members, as it does not fit with the time period. Fortunately, the acting and historically accurate costuming make up for this distracting screen, along with the rest of the set.

Essentially, the Sudbury Theatre Centre's production

of *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder is strong; it is especially impressive in terms of acting, as it strays from the company's usual over the top method. Moreover, this production is historically accurate in costuming and its set (for the most part, that is). It is highly recommended for those who enjoy serious and relevant drama. For those interested in attending *Our Town*, closing night is Oct. 12th.

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## Cortical Column: Neocortical overview

BY LUCAS TESSARO

So the main part of the brain that everyone thinks of is what we refer to as the "neocortex" - the "new bark". It is the outermost layer of the brain and is the newest in terms of evolution. More interestingly, it is only found in the brains of mammals - so lizards, birds and other vertebrates lack this layer of their brains.

Now other vertebrates have a regular cortex and cerebrum, which can typically be divided into similar areas that we are familiar with in our brains - frontal, occipital, parietal, and temporal lobes. The higher functions such as sensory perception, motor control and association areas are all located within the cortex.

The unique thing about

the human neocortex is the high degree of folding, which permits a much larger surface area than similarly sized non-human brains. In fact, more than two thirds of the human brain is submerged in the sulci (grooves) of the cortex. Most literature argues that this is the key to human intelligence - the high degree of folding in our brains has permitted us to evolve intelligence in a way virtually unmatched in the animal kingdom.

Each lobe of the brain has a primary function. The frontal cortices is mainly involved with voluntary motor control. Basically, if you want to move one of your muscles you need your frontal cortex. One of the more interesting components of the frontal

cortices is Broca's area, which is involved with translation of images to words. Broca's is an area unique to humans which has evolved to permit speech and complex vocalizations.

The frontal lobes also have the pre-frontal cortices. Many of the higher-order functions we take for granted are controlled here. Simple things like inhibiting reflexes, planning, organization, attention and self-monitoring of one's behaviour occur within this area of the brain. Consequently, disorders of thought such as paranoia, schizophrenias, and dementias are associated with malfunction in these areas.

The parietal lobes are associated with processing somatosensory information (the sense of touch, and knowing

where your limbs are in space) as well as the integration and recognition of objects based on their size, shape and texture. The size of the parietal cortices are also representative of their secondary and tertiary functions - integration of audio-visuo-tactile input and language association. Typical disorders include being unable to know where your limbs are in space, as well as not realizing a limb actually exists (or in the case of amputation, not existing).

The occipital lobes have a primary function of processing visual information. The majority of the lobe itself is hidden beneath the outer neocortex, and receives information directly from the optic nerve/tract. The occipital lobe is also responsible for being

aware of objects being seen, and distinguishing between moving and non-moving objects.

Finally, my favorite lobe - the temporal! Many lines of research suggest that our personality patterns are the result of temporal lobe function and processing. Many 'creative' or 'abstract' thinkers have enhanced temporal lobe functioning such as philosophical/mystical thinkers, artists, musicians, and poetry.

In fact, the temporal lobe is so interesting, it's the topic of next Cortical Column.

Live long and prosper, young colleagues.

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# LU Gaming Society kickstarts with first game night

BY KALLIE BERENS

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4., Laurentian University's Gaming Society officially dealt the first round in a series of upcoming game nights at the Pub Downunder.

"Everyone loves board games," said club president Tom Sutton. "But no one seems to have a group to play them - I have all these board games at my house that I just buy, because they're awesome, and not enough people to play them."

Sutton, in his final year at Laurentian, wanted something that would not only allow him to play popular board games such as Apples to Apples, Cards Against Humanity and Settlers of Catan, but was also looking for something that would help break the ice amongst students and bring them together under a common interest.

"Let me ask you a question," said Sutton, "Who doesn't like board games?"

The event, advertised through Facebook with the assistance of their Facebook group called LU Gaming Society, drew approximately 30 to 40 gamers.

"I'd definitely do this again," fourth year History student Mason Pischlar said over a round of Cards Against Humanity.

Sutton cited games of Settlers of Catan played throughout the summer with his work colleagues



Photo by Zara Golafshani

**Tom Sutton poses as the LU Gaming Society gathers for the first time.**

as the inspiration for the club.

"We kind of thought, why do we have to stop this just because the school year is starting?" He said.

At clubs days this year, Sutton was "amazed" by the 130 signatures of people who wanted to sign up for the club.

"I think that any occasion that gets students to talk to each other and hang out is a good occasion," he added, "Lots of people at Laurentian really enjoy the social environment, but a lot of people don't know where to start when it comes to special interest clubs."

"I just want to help create

something that everyone can enjoy doing."

With club funding from the SGA, Sutton elaborated on some of the "great ideas" going around within the club.

"One thing that we're going to do is see what games people enjoy the most, assess the need, and

basically what we would do is get some public games that we can leave at the V-Desk or the clubs room that people can sign out and play."

"We're also working on some fundraising events," added Sutton, "We're working on forging connections with local game providers, and we have an idea of working with the LU Vegheads to collaborate on some bake sales."

Sutton also brought up future competitive tournaments with a small entry price with proceeds going towards buying more board games.

"We're trying to make this a monthly, or a bi-weekly event," said Sutton. "We have to work with a lot of people's schedules."

The new society is not just limited to board games, Sutton points out.

"We're here to make things happen for people," he said, "If you want to have a chess tournament, we can help you make a chess tournament. We will have a Catan tournament. We will do all these things simply because they're fun and they should happen, and it comes from a deeper purpose for a university - a place where people can interact with each other."

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## Opinion: Privacy goes both ways

OTTAWA (CUP) — When you post a picture on Facebook, you do so with the intention of having other people see it. That being said, people expect to have a certain amount of control over who gets to see what—a promise most social networks offer but can't always seem to deliver.

Take the tragic story of Rehtaeh Parsons, a 17-year-old girl from Nova Scotia who was driven to commit suicide this past April. Parsons was allegedly sexually assaulted when she was 15 and endured relentless cyber bullying until she decided to take her own life.

To make matters worse, earlier this

month a photo of Parsons was taken from her Facebook page and used for an advertisement promoting an online dating site.

The incident has created a whirlwind of debate about whether social networks should be held solely responsible for the privacy and security of their users or if it is the user's responsibility to exercise caution.

If anything, the responsibility shouldn't fall on one party alone. The dating company had no right to make use of Parsons' photo for the purpose of promotion, but Facebook should have had security measures in place to prevent companies from invading the

privacy of its users. Users should also bear some of the responsibility, because they are the ones who ultimately make the decision to have their private lives on display.

The Internet is an ever-expanding universe. To navigate through it and pass unscathed, we must be aware of every rule and regulation we agree to. It is our responsibility to become familiar with these guidelines and boundaries, and to know who truly has access to our shared information.

The improper use of Rehtaeh Parsons' photo should teach us that accountability comes from every party involved. Social networks like Facebook are built upon their

capacity to work with multiple parties. They are interconnected systems that depend on everyone involved so that the experience can remain a positive one.

Was Facebook at fault for using that photo without permission? The answer is a definite yes, and Facebook obviously realized this given their hasty response in taking it down. But the fault is not theirs alone.

We apply caution and common sense in all other aspects of our lives and the Internet should be no different. In the end, if you truly want something to remain private and hidden from prying eyes, there is only one foolproof solution: don't post it online.

# LU introduces Master of Indigenous Relations program

BY WILLIE POLL

New in 2014 will be Laurentian University's own Master of Indigenous Relations program.

The University of Sudbury has one of the earliest programs in Indigenous studies. Now they offer a Masters program for students wishing to continue their education in the field.

"Students who finish their undergraduate degrees, who want to go more in-depth into Indigenous studies, don't have the option today of continuing with their studies at LU," Brandon Petahtegoose, an Indigenous studies major, said. "They have to go elsewhere to find other schools that offer these types of Masters programs such as the University of Victoria, Winnipeg, Queens

in Kingston and so on. This new masters program will benefit Laurentian by keeping students at Laurentian once they're finished their undergrads."

The program is unique in the fact that it offers a master's in Indigenous relations, not just Indigenous studies.

According to the Laurentian website, "The Masters of Indigenous Relations focuses on the relational (social, cultural, political, intellectual) relating aspects of Indigeneity (being Indigenous) locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Thus Indigenous Relations is a specialized focus and we believe is the most appropriate title and descriptor of this program."

The program is a step forward

in the cultural, political, and social education of Indigenous peoples. Many Indigenous cultures, such as Ojibway, which is the most common in Sudbury, are complex and have their own language, politics, views, and more.

"This program is beneficial culturally on so many levels," Petahtegoose said. "It takes a great understanding to comprehend Indigenous cultures. Often people will tell you that you can't know these things (parts of the culture) unless you've lived it. This program will hopefully give an in-depth worldview of First Nations people.

How they think. How do you think like a First Nations person? It's a question my people (Ojibway) have to ask themselves even to this day. On a scholarly

level, this program will be beneficial because education is the key to our futures. Those who will want to further their learning will be able to take this program, and become more able to use everything that they've learned in their undergrads especially if it was within Indigenous studies, and use those things the real world."

According to Laurentian's website, the Master of Indigenous Relations program includes courses that center on Indigenous thought, research applications and methodologies with respect to international Indigenous issues.

"I'm considering taking the master's program once I'm finished my degree in Indigenous studies," Petahtegoose said. "It looks to be a program designed

to help someone like myself who wants to work with First Nation communities. The name says it all, Indigenous Relations, this program is about opening doors to create relationships with communities that often have barriers up when working with people that come into the community. Hopefully this program will provide an understanding to how relate with Native people."

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## Youth struggle to find employment

WATERLOO (CUP) — It's no surprise that Ontario's youth are some of the most commonly unemployed people in the nation. However, the most troubling factors in this study was that many of these unemployed youths were actually college or university educated. A new study released by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in Ontario evaluated youth (those aged 15-24) unemployment rates in Canada and determined that Ontario has the worst rates.

"During the last five years, since the start of the recession, we've actually seen workers in Ontario fully regain their jobs and position in the work force," explained Sean Geobey, the author of the study and doctoral candidate at the University of Waterloo. "But youth [unemployment rates] have stayed the same or have gotten even worse."

The study revealed that so far in 2013, Ontario youth unemployment rates have fluctuated between 16 and 17.1 per cent. This is significantly higher than Canada's youth unemployment rate, which usually stands between 13.5 and 14.5 per cent. In addition, Ontario youth with "advanced

degrees" are showing a 17.1 per cent higher unemployment rate than young workers who have only completed high school or other post secondary education.

"You are better off graduating with a university degree than with just a high school diploma," he said. "But that doesn't mean you are going to get work that's in your field, or permanent positions, or working beyond a contract of temporary employment."

Cat Rogers, a recent graduate who has returned home to Ontario, knows this story all too well. She had just come off a four-year sociology program at Ohio University, where she attended on a soccer scholarship. Now back in Ontario, Rogers has gone five months without work and sees no end.

"It just sucks that I did four years of school, had really good grades, and all that doesn't really stand for much if you don't have experience," she said.

Geobey explained that students who obtain a form of co-op or apprenticeship style program have an upper hand in the job market. In fact, the Ontario government is now funding a two-year program to help unemployed youth gain

relevant work experience needed to earn entry-level positions. Their goal is to create 30,000 jobs in Ontario.

"Given the size of the problem, I think that that's better than nothing," explained Geobey. "If the program is successful, that will just bring us down to the Canadian average of unemployment rates."

The study also evaluated Ontario's worst cities for youth unemployment, showing that Windsor, Oshawa, London and Brantford have a youth unemployment rate higher than 20 per cent. Toronto was also analyzed, displaying a high rate of 18.1 per cent. Toronto currently holds the title for "worst gap" between youth and adult employment in the province, which is 21.8 per cent.

"What's striking about that was that it wasn't just that there hadn't been a recovery amongst youth but that this was really just an Ontario phenomenon," Geobey said, referring to Canada's ability to regain jobs after the 2008-2009 recession. "It really stood out as being quite troubling for the Ontario workforce."

Geobey also looked at the youth "employment rate" which measures how many youth actually have jobs. He explained that this rate is significantly worse today than it was before the recession. Currently, the monthly employment rates in Ontario range from 50-52 per cent. This means that half of all Ontario youth do not have jobs.

"A lot of that can be blamed on the decline of the manufacturing sector," Geobey said. "But that's not enough in itself ... Quebec has a very similar manufacturing economy but the different between youth unemployment rate and adult in Ontario is over 10 per cent, wherein Quebec its about 3 per cent."

Geobey also speculated that the provincial government hasn't exactly made the best choices, saying they have "firmly put the burden of the recession on young worker in Ontario."

# Voyageurs aim to host playoff game

BY GABRIEL RODRIGUES

As the Laurentian men's basketball team begins training for the start of the season, their coach is challenging his players to better themselves from their finish last year.

"Year to year, we always go in with the same goals, which is to improve on the year before," said head coach, Shawn Swords. "We want to host a playoff game and get better as the year goes on, and make sure we are playing our best basketball at the end of the year."

Last season, the men's team finished with a record of 11 wins and 9 losses, losing to eventual National champions Carleton Ravens in the playoffs for the second year in a row.

"They know they can't have an off game against us," he said. "We basically gave them one the closest games they had all season. We were down five or six in the fourth quarter and they ultimately wore us down and went on to win by 20 points."

The Carleton Ravens men's basketball team have dominated the OUA East winning the division every year since 2000-01. They also have won nine of the last 11 national championships.

Swords, in his seventh year as coach of the men's basketball program, believes his team is capable of beating the Ravens.

"You can beat any team on any given day," he said. "The last couple of years, we've competed really well against Carleton. Although they dominate the CIS, we do a pretty good job of playing

against them and challenging them. We make sure they have to bring their best to beat us. We know we got to beat the best to be the best."

However, Swords said the mentality to beat Carleton is great, but his players need to put the work in practice before they can succeed in a game.

"If you work hard, you usually get rewarded," he said. "A few guys that played here last year, will be key figures for our team this year. We've already shown we can be at that insense level and once that's high, then who knows what this team can do. It's a matter of being competitive for every possession in a game or practice."

Swords is hopeful for his team to prove themselves as the season goes on.

"As an athlete, you only get better by playing better competition," he said. "Every year is a new season, so the idea for this one is to grow as a team and see what happens at the end of the year. We really just want to try to improve on our record last year, and show to other teams that we are ready to play this year."

Tychon Carter-Newman, a third year player for Laurentian, said is expectating for him and his team is to finish top two in the East division this season.

"Last couple of years, we have underachieved," he said. "For us, it's about the little things like paying attention, being ready at deadball situations and staying involved in the game."

Carter-Newman said a goal for



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**The men's basketball team open their season on the road on Nov. 1 against the Waterloo Warriors.**

the team is to beat Carleton, but knows his teammates need to be mentally tough to succeed.

"It's all mental to compete against those guys," he said. "That's why they've won nine of the last 11 championships. If we finish ranked higher we won't be playing them in the first round of the playoffs, so that would give us a better opportunity to make it to nationals."

For first year player for Laurentian, Darcy Watt, the

objective for this season is for his team to "just play our game and we will be rewarded."

"We play at a very fast pace and high tempo, so we have to push that in practice to make sure we are ready for games," said Watt. "We are getting closer as a team every day. If we keep that high energy, good work ethic and stick to the plan, teams will have a tough time against us this season."

The Laurentian men's basketball team will travel to

four different cities in China for preseason games from Oct. 18 to 27.

However, the men's team plays their first season game on Nov.1 when they travel to Waterloo to face the Warriors at the Physical Activities Complex.

Laurentian's first home game is on Nov. 8 when they host McMaster University at 8 p.m. at the Ben . Avery Gymnasium. [lambd@laurentian.ca](mailto:lambd@laurentian.ca)

## Laurentian cross country places second in U.S. meet

BY LAMBDA STAFF

The Laurentian women's cross-country team competed at the Pre-Atlantic Conference Regional meet this weekend. The race was hosted by New York State's Geneseo University at Letchworth State Park in Mount Morris, NY.

The Voyageurs placed 2nd with a score of 99 points. They finished behind only Geneseo in a field featuring 250 runners from 16 NCAA Division III universities and

two Canadian schools.

Laurentian is currently ranked 9th in the Canadian university rankings.

Laurentian was led by second-year runner, Samantha Edwards, who placed 4th in a time of 22:19 over the 6km course. She was followed by Katie Wismer who was 18th in 22:46, Alyssa Bedard who was 22nd in 22:54, Michelle Kennedy, 25th in 23:01 and Marissa Lobert, who completed the scoring in 33rd with a time of 23:12.

Displacers were Lyndsay Greasley who finished 86th in 24:14 and Meghan Rothenbrocker, who was 101st in 24:30. Coralea Kappel finished in 106th in 24:40.

"This race is always a lot of fun," said head coach, Dick Moss. "With a field of 250 runners, you always have a pack around you and the fans are very loud. Sam ran great, as always. Katie is racing better with every competition, Michelle had the race of her life, and Alyssa and Marissa were so close

behind that our team spread was only 53 seconds and we had our five scoring runners across the line in the top 31 - and that's one of the keys to successful cross-country racing."

After three races in a row, the Laurentian squad will rest over Thanksgiving weekend, then return to action at the OUA Championships on Oct. 26 in Hamilton.

# Hurley wants Voyageurs to play 'tough, scrappy and gritty'

BY GABRIEL RODRIGUES

As the Laurentian women's basketball team prepares for the 2013-14 season, their first year coach is determined to bring back a sense of "pride and tradition" to the program.

"We want to create a better work ethic, higher competitiveness in practice and really instill how the game has to be played," said head coach, Jason Hurley. "It's been three years in a row this team hasn't made the playoffs, so it's time for a culture change, new voice and new attitudes."

Last year, the women's team had a record of 5-15 finishing last in the OUA East division, but Hurley is convinced this team's success will come down to fundamental basketball.

"When you go from High school to University, there's a major step that actually comes back to how well you do things fundamentally on the court," he said. "It has to be technically sound. When there's pressure from another team, you are forced to go back to fundamentals. So the biggest thing is work ethic and how much the players want to buy into this mentality."

Hurley has experience at the CIS level as not only a coach but player as well. He played for the Laurentian men's basketball team for five years from 1992 to 1997.

Although this is his first stint as a head coach at the University level, Hurley spent the last two years as associate coach for the men's and women's basketball programs at Laurentian.

Hurley said he wants this women's team to flourish like it was in the past.

"As a program, we have the second most national championships of any school in the country," he said. "When I was playing, there were nine players on the National program on our team. In my first year, people would always come to me and ask if my team could beat the women's team. So, we hope

to get them back to that level."

The success of his team, Hurley said, can only be measured by the amount of work his players put into practice.

"Athletes have to be out of their comfort zone in order to be effective and succeed," he said. "If you're not out of your comfort zone in practice then you will be in trouble when it comes to a game. The goal is to get practices more intense, physical and faster than a game. Again, we are building to that, but we aren't there just yet."

The idea of this season for Hurley is to give a sense of determination for his players.

"There's always a chance in this game," said Hurley. "I just want the girls to play tough, scrappy and gritty. That's what Sudbury is built on."

Hurley believes his team is capable of making the playoffs this year.

"We simply have to compete with other schools for forty minutes," he said. "Anything can happen during a game. It's a 24 second shot clock, so you are never really out of a game, nor are you really sure you will win the game."

Angie Macdonald, a four time national champion as a player and assistant coach for Laurentian, believes this program is a working progress.

"There are a lot of young players," she said. "We are trying to teach them to be more aggressive offensively and defensively. It's the idea to really get them to compete with each other on a regular basis in practice."

Macdonald, assistant coach for the women's team, is hoping her experience as a player will give "helpful hints" to the team.

"You always want a program that's going to compete," she said. "Right now we are going through a tough time, but if you don't make the playoffs it doesn't mean you haven't tried your



Photo by Gabriel Rodrigues

## The women's basketball team play their home opener on Nov. 8 against the McMaster Marauders.

hardest. There are a lot of factors that come into place. You just have to make sure as a player, to try to compete for every possession regardless if its practice or a game."

Adrienne Moreau, a third year player for the women's team, said she isn't worrying about the last few years, but only focusing on this one.

"We have to continue to work hard, focus on defense and work together

as a team," she said. "We have such a dynamic team that we should be making playoffs. We are kind of the underdog right now, so we just want to go out and prove to other teams we can and we will do better this year."

The Laurentian women's basketball team kicks off their preseason in Thunder Bay on Oct. 5 and 6 when they face Lakehead, Manitoba and Algoma in a friendly tournament.

Also, the women's team will play Laval, Dalhousie and Algoma at the end of October in Laval, Quebec.

However, Laurentian's first home game of the season will take place on Nov. 8 when they take on McMaster University at 6 p.m. at the Ben F. Avery Gymnasium.  
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# Rabey's round-up: Bayern the new Barcelona

BY MATT RABEY

In 2008 a young and largely unknown Pep Guardiola took his first managerial post. What followed was the creation of the most dominate football club on the European stage in recent years, FC Barcelona.

Since Guardiola took over Barcelona they have won the European title twice and been extremely tough to beat when they have been knocked out, until last season.

Barcelona were still considered the team to beat in the 2012-13 Champion's League season until they suffered a seven nil aggregate mauling at the hands of the new team to beat, Bayern Munich.

Bayern Munich has always been a European

powerhouse, but in the last few years under the guidance of Jupp Heynckes Bayern has become the "new" Barcelona.

Bayern Munich have always been incredibly dominant in the Bundesliga, but recently have fallen short in continental football with memorable defeats to Inter Milan and more painfully, Chelsea at home.

This, however, changed during the 2012-13 season when Bayern took the European trophy with class.

Bayern topped their group and subsequently only Arsenal presented a challenge on their rout to glory.

This season, Bayern have had their record-breaking manager retire and ironically enough,

appointed FC Barcelona's former manager Guardiola.

Normally it takes time for a manager to adjust to being at a new club, just ask David Moyes or more pertinently, Manuel Pellegrini.

Bayern have gone undefeated thus far this season in all competitions and have begun their continental defence with maximum points.

This was not particularly impressive, however, until Wednesday's clash against Manchester City. City's previous two matches at the Etihad was a thrashing of both Manchester United and Wigan with City scoring nine goals and only conceding one.

The much-anticipated clash of what is arguable the two biggest teams in the group

stages ended in embarrassment for the English side.

Bayern's midfield outplayed City's for the entire first half and only for a few moments in the second did City even show any signs of causing Bayern any trouble.

Although the season is just getting underway, Bayern's midfield is looking to be the best in Europe and for any club the battles won in the midfield tend to determine the outcome of the match.

If Bayern's can remain as strong as they were against the 2011-12 Premier League champions then expect more of the same dominance that was formerly shown by Guardiola's Barcelona.  
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# Wolfe making the most of new role with Voyageurs

BY RON GUILLET

Laurentian striker Ian Wolfe had one goal in 11 games last season, only starting in three matches, but the departure of key forwards has granted him an increase in playing time and subsequently goals.

Former captain Davor Alisic had the role of primary striker last season, scoring over 50 per cent of the Voyageurs' goals. His departure left a gaping hole upfront but so far, Wolfe seems to be filling the void just fine with six goals in 10 games.

"I knew I would have a much larger role on the team this year," Wolfe said. "We lost two forwards from last year so we needed to fill those positions. We play a very defensive game so we rely on our forward players to create goals, so I expected that I would be scoring more this year. But my play only reflects how well the team is playing this year and the great start we have gotten off to. It doesn't really matter who's scoring the goals as long as we keep scoring and winning games."

Wolfe's goal totals rank him eighth in OUA. Like Alisic, Wolfe has scored over 50 per cent of his team's goals, and he provides a long-term solution as he will be at Laurentian for an additional four

years.

Wolfe has played soccer since he was eight years old and had been involved in volleyball and cross-country skiing growing up. He went to high school at Orangeville District Secondary School in Orangeville, Ontario.

Wolfe also plays soccer for the Caledon Soccer Club of the Ontario Soccer League, and in his last season he tied for the lead in scoring in the OSL South Region U21.

The Sports and Physical Education student models his game from Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo.

"I think offensively there are parts of my game that are similar to Ronaldo," Wolfe said. "I love the way he takes on defenders and scores goals for his team, I'm clearly not at that level but I do what I can."

Unsurprisingly, Wolfe has set himself lofty goals to accomplish throughout his five years at Laurentian.

"The main thing I would like to accomplish is win an OUA championship and go to nationals," Wolfe said. "Individually, it would be awesome to be an OUA all-star but more importantly I want to be a player who plays with honour and who is respected



Photo by Ron Guillet

Ian Wolfe, left, celebrates with teammates after he scores a goal.

my teammates and those I play against."

The Voyageurs remain in contention to host a playoff game in the OUA East division and

Wolfe hopes that continues until the final whistle of the regular season.

"We strive for a top position in the division so we get to play

a home playoff game and push toward an OUA championship, so that is always our goal," Wolfe said.

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## Women's soccer team earn points at home

BY LAMBDA STAFF

The Laurentian Voyageurs had back-to-back home games last weekend against the Ryerson Rams and Toronto Varsity Blues.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, they took on the sixth-seed Rams. The Voyageurs offense pressured from the onset as Amanda Kwan found the back of the net in only the fifth minute. Ryerson only managed a single shot on target in the first half while Laurentian mustered five on the Rams goalkeeper; Rebecca Petrocelli, Rookie Carlee Parisotto, who has elevated her game of late, put the Voyageurs up by two with a goal in the 28th minute.

The Rams returned in the second half

playing with composure as their backline limited the Voyageurs' chances and began to sporadically hold possession. The Rams only landed two shots on target in the second half, however, and Laurentian made the most of their opportunities by netting two of their three shots in the half, both in the final 15 minutes by Madison Beaudry and Megan Ferguson.

Richele Greenwood earned the clean sheet as she turned aside three shots in the 4-0 victory.

Up next were the second-seed Varsity Blues, who hold a seven-point lead on Laurentian in the East division.

Laurentian looked poised from the first

whistle as both teams exchanged possession in the first half. Toronto had the slight edge in shots but it was Laurentian who struck first as Kwan once again provided the opening goal, this time in the 17th minute. Olivia Gonsalves responded seven minutes later, notching her first of the campaign, to tie it up.

Toronto began to tilt possession in their favour as they outshot Laurentian 7-4 in the second half. But once again, Laurentian capitalized on their opportunities and went up 2-1 in the 85th minute on a strike from Julie Lopez, who netted her fourth of the season. Late game drama seems to be a fixture in Laurentian games lately, and this

tilt proved no different as Toronto pulled off a 90th minute goal, from Alyssa Golin, to secure the single point.

Richele Greenwood faced 12 shots in the match as Laurentian now sits in fifth place in the East division with a 5-3-4 record.

The Voyageurs' final homestand will be next weekend, on Oct. 11 and 12, against Nipissing and Trent, respectively.  
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# Women's hockey team earn first-ever win

BY GABRIEL RODRIGUES

This weekend, the Laurentian University women's hockey team earned a split in their first two home games of their inaugural season.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Voyageurs played their first-ever season game at the CIS level when they lost 4-0 to an experienced Guelph Griffons team at Countryside arena.

In the first period, Laurentian were put to the test, as Guelph started the game with relentless pressure, scoring two goals within the first 10 minutes of the game.

The Voyageurs' captain, Julie Hebert, showed some quick bursts of speed to give her some opportunities to score on goaltender Stephanie Nehring, but the Griffons' netminder was ready for the task.

Laurentian would end the period with only five shots to Guelph's 14.

In the second, the Griffons continued its strong play by scoring two consecutive goals in under two minutes, as Guelph's Amanda Parkins scored her second of the game to take the lead 4-0.

However, the third period was an even contest as the Voyageurs kept the Griffons off the scoresheet.

All in all, Laurentian's goalie, Emily Toffoli, stopped 35 of 39 shots delivered by Guelph, as the Voyageurs could only muster 19 on Nehring.

For Laurentian head coach, Stacey Colarossi, this game proved to be a learning experience.

"Guelph is very strong," she said. "They are an experienced



Photo by Gabriel Rodrigues

**Julie Hebert, Laurentian's captain, skates around the net to find an open teammate.**

team and one of the top in the CIS. At first, we were tentative and a team that looked like it was lacking confidence. Towards the end, the girls finally started to believe in each other and compete, and we did."

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Voyageurs pulled off their first win of the season against Brock University, winning 3-1 in a defensive effort at Countryside arena.

In the first period, Laurentian started off with a bang, as Hebert scored within the first 30 seconds

of the game.

After that, Voyageurs goalie, Laura Deller, was forced to make 22 saves in the period, keeping it 1-0 at the first intermission.

The Badgers continued throwing pucks at Deller and were finally rewarded in the second period when Jessica Fickel scored for Brock within the first five minutes.

Although Brock finally broke Deller, Laurentian's netminder would stand on her head making save after save. The Badgers finished the period with 40 shots to

the Voyageurs' nine.

The third period proved to be a similar story, as Deller was forced to make crucial saves on breakaways and numerous chances by Brock.

However, the Voyageurs managed to capitalize on a power play opportunity when forward Victoria Medeiros scored on Badgers goalie Jenna Sosnoski.

Laurentian was forced to kill a penalty in the last minute of the game, but Elissa Bertuzzi would ice the game by putting the puck in Brock's empty net, solidifying the Voyageurs first ever win.

Deller proved to be a difference maker as she saved 51 of 52 shots, and according to head coach Colarossi, her performance was "unbelievable."

"She gave us a chance to win this game," she said. "Without her today we didn't have a chance. She gave confidence to our defense because they trusted what's behind them. So it really was a great goaltending performance."

Colarossi believes her team battled throughout the game.

"We never gave up," she said. "We started off great but towards the middle we kind of just watched. But when we finally used our speed and played our physical game, we looked like a very good team. There are still things to work on, but this team really showed what character we are made of."

For Laurentian captain, Hebert, the feeling of scoring the team's first-ever goal was "pretty awesome."

"It was nice to be that example," said Hebert. "Going out there and finally scoring was something big to get off my shoulders, especially to score and win on home ice with a supporting crowd behind you. Moving forward, we just have work even harder and stay positive."

The Voyageurs next game is on Oct. 12 when they travel to Kingston to face off against Queen's University at Kingston Memorial centre.

Laurentian's next home game will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26 when they take on the University of Toronto at 3:45 p.m. at Countryside arena.

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# Men's soccer team battle for points at home

BY LAMBDA STAFF

The Laurentian Voyageurs' men's soccer team entered last weekend hoping to extend a five-game unbeaten streak as they took on the Ryerson Rams and Toronto Varsity Blues.

Ryerson were up first on Saturday, Oct. 5, as they looked to extend their own unbeaten streak. Ryerson rode an eight-game streak entering the match and sitting atop the Ontario University Athletics.

The Rams started on the right foot as

they found the back of the net on a strike from Alexander Braletic in the fifth minute. It wasn't indicative of the Voyageurs play, however, as it was the only shot they'd concede in a spirited first half. Laurentian eventually replied in the 33rd minute as Joel Levac potted home his second goal of the campaign.

The second half started similarly to the first as Ryerson came out of the gate on all cylinders. Braletic, who leads the OUA with 12 goals, scored a brace as he connected on

a cross inside the box. Ryerson came alive as they controlled possession and stymied the Voyageurs offense, who couldn't get a shot on target in the second half.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Voyageurs took on the Varsity Blues on a rain-soaked field. Laurentian's strong defensive play was at forefront once again as they limited Toronto's chances. Both teams battled for possession and offensive opportunities were not aplenty as Laurentian had a total of four on target.

Laurentian has four games remaining on the schedule to close out the regular season. They currently sit in third place in the East division and will host a playoff game if they finish in the third or fourth seed.

The Voyageurs face the Nipissing Lakers next at the James Jerome Sports Complex, in what will be their final homestand of the regular season. Game time is 7:15 p.m.

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# Immobilization: Living without a cell phone

WATERLOO (CUP) — In today's world, carrying a mobile phone on your person is as expected and as important as carrying a wallet — internet access, banking information, audio/video contact and dozens of other features, all at your fingertips.

Asking for someone's cell phone number is as common as asking for his or her mailing address. With major cell phone providers offering a \$0 device, (provided you sign a contract), you would actually be insane not to own one — right?

How would you navigate to an address of uncertain whereabouts? How would you text someone your exact location when meeting up? How would you Snapchat the hilarious image of your comically manipulated face to a friend? Surely, it is downright nonsensical to part ways with an instrument of such importance.

Well, fair reader, I've taken the plunge in the name of journalism to explore the phenomenon I have dubbed "Immobilization".

Yes, I have spent the last three weeks in the complete absence of a mobile phone. Albeit, not by choice, as I accidentally abandoned my iPhone 4s in a Waterloo taxi (which, on a side note, if you have seen it, please contact me.) Nonetheless, I am here to walk you through a day completely disconnected from the cellular grid.

Mornings are generally the same, provided, of course, your phone wasn't also your alarm clock. (You're going to want to purchase one, if that is the case.) You will have to resort to your laptop as a primary tool of communication, and check for any e-mails and Facebook messages.

It's at this point that you realize you did not attend the meeting you were invited to the night previously. Your group sent multiple texts and e-mails trying to get a hold of you, all of which went unnoticed, as you were happily strolling to Ethel's to enjoy what you believed to be a rare free evening. Not to worry, a few apologetic Facebook messages will cure that.

Now to get to the bus! It comes at — oh wait, you no longer have the GRT app. That's okay though, just simply text the stop number! Shit. Alright, well, what time is it now? That's right, your phone was your watch. (I'd suggest purchasing one of these when you're buying your alarm clock.) Oh well, just make it to the stop and whenever it comes, it comes.

You will notice that waiting for anything feels like an eternity, as you are devoid of your primary entertainment device, and you have lost the ability to scan Tumblr, Vine, Twitter, etc. You can't even pretend to be in the middle of a very deep conversation to avoid strained conversation with the weirdly friendly man beside you.

So, you finally arrive at your destination, whether it is work, school, a cubicle in the library to study, wherever. You get into a groove and before you know it, it's noon. Holy shit! You actually spent the last three hours focused. Weird! It's almost as though you didn't have eight different types of information constantly distracting you.

To be fair, one of them was your angry significant other, upset that you haven't spoken to them, but you've had no way of knowing that! You don't have a phone, you have beaten the system! You are immune!

So, the workday has come to a close, and you decide to celebrate just how much of an amazing vessel of productivity you are!

Now, if only you had some disposable income that you could exchange for beverages. If only there was some form monthly payment you could shed. Boom, see you later Rogers bills, hello irresponsible Phil's! Look at that. Now you're even making clever rhymes, you device-less modern day hero you!

In a nutshell, living without a phone has its benefits, and its detriments. It's frustrating

to lose all of the wireless privileges you've grown accustomed to. However, once you have come to terms with it, you can expect a less hectic, more focused, organic lifestyle.

You are a more observant, more resourceful and better-looking individual on average. You become one with yourself.

Until, of course, your mother angrily e-mails you and instructs you to purchase a new phone, ending your vacation from oppression, your short-lived experiment with "Immobilization".

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